Annual Report

Town of Durham
New Hampshire

1955 1732-1956

THE MEETING HOUSE
Oyster River Parish
1655

Historical records of Durham and the surrounding area show that the first meeting house of the Oyster River Parish, later to become the Town of Durham, was built by Valentine Hill on the bank of the Oyster River half way between the Falls and the Point. On April 16, 1655 it was voted to build and maintain this Meeting House in order to provide a place of worship for the people who made up the growing settlement along both banks of the Oyster River. Prior to the establishment of this Oyster River Parish the settlers of this area, who relied almost entirely upon river boats for transportation, were required to row across Little Bay and the mouth of the Bellamy River to reach the nearest Meeting House or place of worship. History records that this building erected in 1655 was still standing as late as 1718. Although all other buildings in the vicinity were destroyed in the Indian raid of 1694 this building was spared. Records show that Rev. Edward Fletcher was the first minister in the Oyster River Parish and that he was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Hall. History also records that Rev. John Russ was both Minister and Physician for a period of forty years during the very early days of the Oyster River Parish.

Although time and one of Durham's early industries, the Mathes brickyards, have eradicated all evidence of the foundation of this building the exact location of the Meeting House is believed to be on the south bank of the Oyster River on the property now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Adrian O. Morse. In 1955 members of the Durham Community Church erected a large white cross on the spot where 300 years before people of Durham first met in their own house of worship. This cross can be seen from the Piscataqua River Road.

The photograph reproduced on this Annual Report is taken of an excellent painting done by Mr. John W. Hatch. In his painting, which Mr. Hatch donated to the Durham Community Church on the occasion of their 300th Anniversary, he has reproduced from historical facts and records Durham's first Meeting House.

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Librarian, Trustees of Trust Funds, Auditors, Health Officer, Police Department, Sewer Department and Water Department

of the

TOWN OF DURHAM

for the

Financial Year Ending December 31, 1955

with the

Vital Statistics for 1955, as prepared by the Town Clerk

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ORGANIZATION

1955

Selectmen	Paul E. Schaefer	Term Expires 1956
	James C. Chamberlin, *Chairman*	Term Expires 1957
	Henry A. Davis	Term Expires 1958
Moderator		Arthur W. Johnson
Representatives		Helen Funkhouser
		Albert D. Littlehale
		William M. Stearns
Supervisors of Check List		Wallis S. Rand
		Chester H. Tecce
		Gordon P. Percival
Town Clerk		Leon M. Crouch
Town Treasurer		Forrest H. Smart
Tax Collector		Leon M. Crouch
Trustees of Trust Funds		
	Charles O. Dawson	Term Expires 1956
	Kenneth E. Barraclough	Term Expires 1957
	Wallis S. Rand	Term Expires 1958

Budget Committee

Term Expires 1956

K. E. Barraclough	Carroll M. Degler
Jeremiah A. Chase	Glenn W. Stewart

Term Expires 1957

William L. Dunfey	Harold R. Knight
James A. Funkhouser	Francis E. Robinson

Term Expires 1958

Paul T. Blood	Daniel M. Ninde
Samuel W. Hoitt	Donald H. Richards

Auditors

John Wolf	Term Expires 1956
Arthur W. Johnson	Term Expires 1957
Stanley R. Shimer	Term Expires 1958

Fire Commissioners

Richard W. Daland	Term Expires 1956
Norman W. Stiles	Term Expires 1957
Harold I. Leavitt	Term Expires 1958

Superintendent of Public Works — Donald E. Plaisted

Health Officer — Dr. Lawrence W. Slanetz

Overseer of the Poor — Albert D. Littlehale

Public Works Advisory Committee

William L. Prince	Term Expires 1956
William H. Hartwell	Term Expires 1957
T. Ralph Meyers	Term Expires 1958

Zoning Board of Adjustment

William R. Rudd	Term Expires 1956
Norman W. Stiles	Term Expires 1957
Walter B. Gallant	Term Expires 1958
Loring V. Tirrell	Term Expires 1959
Robert G. Webster	Term Expires 1960

Planning Board

Harold I. Leavitt	Term Expires 1956
George R. Thomas	Term Expires 1957
L. Phelps Latimer	Term Expires 1958
Eric T. Huddleston	Term Expires 1959
Mrs. George McGregor	Term Expires 1959
Russell R. Skelton	Term Expires 1960

Judge of Municipal Court — Bradford W. McIntire

Associate Judge of Municipal Court — Joseph E. Michael, Jr.

Honorary Chief of Police — Louis P. Bourgoin

Chief of Police — Benjamin J. Thomas

Fire Chief and Warden — Carroll M. Nash

Tree Warden — Robert C. Kennedy

Civil Defense Committee

Robert B. True, *Director*
Wm. F. Robinson, *Deputy Director*
Henry A. Davis, *Secretary*
Harold I. Leavitt, *UNH Representative*
Stanley R. Shimer, *Communications*

Two Hundred and Twenty-fourth Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE HALL

March 8, 1955

The meeting was called to order at 9 A. M. by Arthur W. Johnson, Moderator, and the warrant was read by him.

Moved by Clayton Cross and seconded by Perley Fitts that consideration of Articles 2 through 15 inclusive, with the exception of Article 6, be postponed until 10 A. M. and that balloting under Articles 1 and 6 start immediately and continue until 6 P. M.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 1 — **Town Elections**

RESULT OF BALLOTING

Total number of ballots cast 522

Office	*Candidates*	*No. of Votes*
Town Clerk	Leon M. Crouch	* 514
Town Treasurer	Forrest H. Smart	* 259
	John Wolfe	250
Selectman (3 yrs.)	Henry A. Davis	* 196
	Harold Knight	129
	John P. Shevenell	111
	Clayton Follansbee	54
Tax Collector	Leon M. Crouch	* 506
Auditor (3 yrs.)	Stanley Shimer	* 24
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 yrs.)	Wallis S. Rand	* 493
Members of Budget Committee	Daniel M. Ninde	* 461
(3 yrs.)	Samuel W. Hoitt	* 427
	Donald H. Richards	* 412
	Paul T. Blood	* 393
	Russell S. Harmon, Sr.	220

Note: * denotes those declared elected.

ARTICLE 2

Moved by James C. Chamberlin, seconded by Stanley Shimer, that consideration of Articles 7 and 10 be given prior consideration of Article 2.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 7

Renewal of Agreement and 25-year Lease Covering Town Parking Lot

Moved by James Funkhouser, seconded by Joseph D. Batcheller, that this article be adopted.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 10

Expenditure of $450 for Improvement in New Town Cemetery

Moved by Stanley Shimer, seconded by Frank A. Wood, that this article be adopted.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 2

Moved by James C. Chamberlin, seconded by H. I. Leavitt, to amend the Budget as shown on page 13 of the Town Report as follows: Line 7 now reading Moth Extermination and Blister Rust $400.00 SHOULD READ Shade Trees and Roadside Improvements $400.00; Line 13 now reading General Expenses of Highway Department $500.00 SHOULD READ Garage Rent $500.00.

Motion CARRIED

Moved by Robert Kennedy, seconded by Donald Richards, that the amount to be appropriated for care of Shade Trees be increased from $400.00 to $500.00.

Motion CARRIED

An additional amendment to Article 2 was offered by Malcolm J. Chase, seconded by Joseph D. Batcheller, that the proposed appropriation for Madbury Road Parking Lot be reduced from $3,000.00 to $2,000.00.

Motion CARRIED

Moved by Malcolm J. Chase, seconded by Daniel Ninde, that a total appropriation of $86,245.38 under Article 2 as amended be raised.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 3

Appropriate Approximately $11,000.00 for County

Moved by Stanley Shimer, seconded by William Hartwell, that this article be adopted. Motion offered by Clayton Cross that consideration of this article be tabled, no second; motion ruled out of order.

Original motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 4

Borrow in Anticipation of Taxes

Moved by Paul Schaefer, seconded by Harold Langley, that this article be adopted.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 5

Discount for Payment of Taxes Before a Prescribed Date

Moved by Dr. Arthur Adams, seconded by Albert Littlehale, that this article be adopted.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 6

Playing of Beano

Result of Balloting

Yes	No
112	362

ARTICLE 8

Water Department, Install Fluoridation Equipment

Moved by Dr. L. W. Slanetz, seconded by John Hatch, that this article be adopted.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 9

Water Department Study in Cooperation with the University of New Hampshire for Improvement of Water Supply

Moved by George Haslerud, seconded by Ursula Bowring, that this article be adopted.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 11

Instruct Representatives to General Court to Call for Water Pollution Study Within Piscataqua River Basin

Moved by Helen Funkhouser, seconded by Paul Gilman, that this article be adopted.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 12

Statement of Willingness of Town to Accept State Sales Tax

Moved by Ursula Bowring, seconded by John Hatch, that this article be adopted. Amendment offered by Clayton Cross, seconded by Harold Leavitt, that the article specify a 1 per cent consumers' sales tax with no exemptions. Amendment withdrawn.

Amendment moved by Clifford Parker, seconded by Frank A. Wood, by substitution of wording — Willingness of the Town to declare its approval of a General State Sales Tax. Amendment offered to amend the amendment to read — A tax on sales at the retail level or consumers' sales tax. Amendment to amendment lost, amendment lost.

Another amendment offered by Ursula Bowring, seconded by Rhoda Hogan — to see if the Town will vote to declare its willingness to accept a state sales tax, with food exempted in order to relieve the burden on the property tax payer and to aid education and help provide the necessary money for general state services.

Amendment CARRIED

Article 12 as amended CARRIED

ARTICLE 13

Statement of Willingness to Accept State Sales Tax and a Net Income Tax

Moved by William Nulsen, seconded by Clayton Cross, that article not be accepted. Amendment offered by Thelma Brackett, seconded by Ursula Bowring, that article read — To see if the Town will vote to declare its willingness to accept a state sales tax with food exempted and a net income tax in order to relieve the burden on the property tax payer and to aid education and help provide necessary money for general state services.

Amendment CARRIED

Amendment offered by William Dunfey and supported that the acceptance of this article should eliminate the head tax. Amendment lost.

Original Article as amended CARRIED

ARTICLE 14

Discontinue "Road to Cocheco" as an Open Highway

Moved by James C. Chamberlin, seconded by Harold Langley, that the provisions of this article be adopted.

Motion CARRIED

ARTICLE 15

Any Other Business

The following resolution presented by William Hartwell, seconded by Norman Myers, "We have in our midst a very loyal, faithful servant of the Town in the form of Louis P. Bourgoin, who, I believe, will be retired as Chief of Police this coming July. In recognition of his long term of service (some 25 years) I move that upon the retirement of our "Louis" he be given the title 'Honorary Chief of Police' and such title be entered on the Town Records."

Resolution ACCEPTED

Motion offered by Paul E. Schaefer, seconded by George Moore, that a rising vote of thanks be given Malcolm J. Chase for 3 years of work well done.

Adjourned meeting on the warrant at 11:30 A. M. Polls held open until 6 P. M. Town meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

Then appeared Leon M. Crouch (tax collector and town clerk), Forrest H. Smart (treasurer), Henry A. Davis (selectman) and Wallis S. Rand (trustee of trust funds) before Arthur W. Johnson, Moderator, and took the oath of office as required by law.

A true record — Attest

LEON M. CROUCH, *Town Clerk*

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1956 AT 9:00 A.M.

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Two Hundred and Twenty-fifth Meeting

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River Cooperative School Auditorium, Durham, N. H., Tuesday the thirteenth day of March, 1956, A. D. at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon to act on the following subjects:

1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for a term of three (3) years, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, one Auditor for a term of three (3) years, one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years, four members of the Budget Committee for a term of three (3) years and all other elective officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee (see details following) and that the sum of $85,959.08 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of it.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of approximately Thirteen Thousand Dollars ($13,000) to defray the cost of its share of the Strafford County Government.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow necessary money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will direct a discount of one percent (1%) to be made to those persons who shall pay their taxes within a period of six (6) weeks from the date the Tax Rate is approved by the State Tax Commission.

6. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws of the State of New Hampshire relative to playing games of Beano (see ballot).

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Committee to expend a sum not to exceed One Hundred and Fifty ($150) dollars (see Budget) for improvements of the School House Lane Cemetery and the Town Cemetery on the Concord Turnpike.

8. To see if the Town will approve the construction of Mill Pond Road. (see Budget).

9. To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the Hobart electric welder purchased by the Town in 1950.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sum not to exceed Fifteen Thousand ($15,000) dollars by means of long term notes to be retired at a rate of Five Thousand ($5,000) dollars annually, starting in 1956, for sewer construction on Oyster River Road and Garden Lane and raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars ($5,000) for this purpose. (see Budget).

11. To see if the Town will increase the annual appropriation for the Library by $3800.00, for the purpose of employing a children's librarian, to serve in the Town Library and under the jurisdiction of the Town Librarian.

KATHARINE D. PAINE (Mrs. Ralph D.)
HAROLD C. GRINNELL
ROBERT P. WILLARD
EDWIN SCHEIER
BARBARA M. MYERS
MARION A. BLEWETT
JEAN M. LOCKWOOD
BARBARA H. MERRICK
CHARLES M. WHEELER, JR.
ANN MacDONALD NINDE
JOHN T. HOLDEN
ANN B. DISHMAN

(This item referred to the voters without recommendation of the Budget Committee.)

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this twenty-seventh day of February in The Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine-Hundred and Fifty-Six.

PAUL E. SCHAEFER
JAMES C. CHAMBERLIN
HENRY A. DAVIS
Selectmen of Durham

A True Copy — Attest

PAUL E. SCHAEFER
JAMES C. CHAMBERLIN
HENRY A. DAVIS
Selectmen of Durham

BUDGET OF THE

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ENSUING

ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$7,000.00	$10,639.19	$10,000.00
Railroad Tax	1,000.00	1,072.40	1,075.00
Savings Bank Tax	750.00	1,632.71	1,600.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,700.00	1,901.48	1,000.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	.....	53.30	.....
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	.....	259.95	.....
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	750.00	790.50	780.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	80.00	89.00	75.00
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court	1,000.00	1,242.44	1,200.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	960.00	850.00	960.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	.....	58.08	50.00
Income of Departments			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	7,500.00	3,203.64	5,000.00
(b) Sewers	4,000.00	4,080.00	4,500.00
(c) Street Assessments	68.88	68.88	68.88
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	13,000.00	14,632.89	13,500.00
Sale of Town Property		25.00	450.00
Refund heat town hall	400.00	352.35	400.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	.....	1,808.61	500.00
Cash Surplus	3,003.80	3,003.80	1,666.77
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at $2	1,900.00	2,042.00	2,000.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	52.00	201.00	200.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	$43,164.68	$48,007.22	$45,025.65
Amt. To Be Raised by Prop. Taxes	43,980.70	37,951.86	41,019.03
(Excl. of County and School Taxes)			
Total Revenues			$86,044.68

TOWN OF DURHAM

YEAR JANUARY 1, 1956 TO DECEMBER 31, 1956 COMPARED WITH
OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR JANUARY 1, 1955 TO DECEMBER 31, 1955

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1955	Appropriations Recommended By Budget Committee 1956
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$5,640.60	$5,640.60	$6,192.10
Town Officers' Expenses	4,491.00	4,447.96	4,793.00
Election and Registration Expenses	126.00	168.60	410.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1,228.00	1,221.23	1,078.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	4,631.00	4,275.43	5,220.00
Fire Department	6,953.68	6,488.50	7,221.67
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	400.00	300.00	300.00
Civil Defense	100.00	1.50	100.00
Health:			
Health Department, including Hospitals	120.00	52.60	85.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	5,045.00	4,591.51	4,130.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	26,640.00	26,574.47	26,385.00
Street Lighting	3,200.00	3,202.56	3,400.00
General Expenses of Highway Department, Garage Rental	500.00	500.00	500.00
Town Road Aid	471.12	2,879.95	471.03
Libraries	500.00	500.00	500.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	250.00	548.52	250.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	886.85	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Assns.	100.00	97.49	100.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Hydrant Rental	310.00	310.00	340.00
Cemeteries	500.00	473.18	150.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses, including Dog Damage	50.00	50.00	50.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	200.00	200.00	200.00
Interest:			
Bond & Coupon Service			20.00
On Temporary Loans	150.00	151.11	150.00
On Long Term Notes	1,869.14	1,870.59	1,729.05
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction:	4,400.00	2,826.14	3,000.00
Sidewalk Construction	3,000.00	2,123.05	2,000.00
Sewer Construction	.....	.....	5,000.00
New Lands and Buildings			1,000.00
New Equipment	5,000.00	5,307.40	1,000.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(a) Bonds	8,269.84	8,269.84	8,269.83
(b) Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$87,145.38	$85,959.08	$86,044.68

JERE A. CHASE, Chairman
K. E. BARRACLOUGH
CARROLL M. DEGLER
GLEN W. STEWART
WILLIAM L. DUNFEY
JAMES A. FUNKHOUSER
HAROLD R. KNIGHT
FRANCIS E. ROBINSON
SAMUEL W. HOITT
DANIEL M. NINDE
DONALD H. RICHARDS
PAUL T. BLOOD

Budget Committee

DETAILS OF 1956 APPROPRIATION

Budget of the Town of Durham
As Submitted by the Budget Committee

	1955 Budget	1955 Expended	1956 Budget
Town Officers' Salaries			
Health Officer	$100.00	$100.00	$100.00
Relief Officer	25.00	25.00	50.00
Selectmen (3)	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Town Treasurer	250.00	250.00	250.00
Municipal Judge	150.00	150.00	150.00
Tax Collector & Clerk	400.00	400.00	400.00
Auditors (3)	105.00	105.00	105.00
Supt. of Public Works	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,700.00
Soc. Security	110.60	110.60	137.10
Total	$5,640.60	$5,640.60	$6,192.10
Town Officers' Expenses			
Station., Printing, Postage	$1,100.00	$981.79	$1,100.00
Telephone	200.00	257.11	225.00
Clerical Salary	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,400.00
Soc. Security	66.00	66.00	68.00
Town Officers' Bonds	200.00	135.07	200.00
Office Supplies & Services	200.00	521.47	600.00
Legal Fees and dues	200.00	8.00	100.00
Mapping project	100.00	59.55	.....
Census, poll & head tax	100.00	100.00	100.00
Total	$4,466.00	$4,428.99	$4,793.00
Election and Registration			
Fees — Moderator, Ballot Clerks and Supervisors of check list	$50.00	$55.00	$225.00
Setting-up of polling place	25.00	39.34	75.00
Supplies & printing	25.00	12.80	25.00
Lunches for workers	25.00	60.36	50.00
Soc. Security	1.00	1.10	5.00
Rental of Polling Place	.....	.....	30.00
Total	$126.00	$168.60	$410.00

	1955 Budget	1955 Expended	1956 Budget
Expenses — Town Hall and Other Buildings			
Labor	$50.00	$4.40	$50.00
Fuel	600.00	707.50	700.00
Water	60.00	65.00	60.00
Lights	75.00	69.36	75.00
Repairs	200.00	257.00	50.00
Materials	125.00	.....	25.00
Insurance	100.00	100.00	100.00
Sewer contract	18.00	18.00	18.00
Total	$1,228.00	$1,221.26	$1,078.00
Police Department			
Police Officer Salary	$3,400.00	$3,420.00	$3,400.00
Soc. Security	6.00	5.16	20.00
Supplies	50.00	34.71	50.00
Insurance	75.00	20.15	50.00
Travel Expenses	500.00	530.57	600.00
Uniform Allowance	100.00	104.84	100.00
Outside Patrolman	500.00	160.00	1,000.00
Total	$4,631.00	$4,275.43	$5,220.00
Fire Department			
Salaries — Chief	$1,033.34	$1,050.04	$1,066.67
Salaries — Regular Firemen	3,433.34	3,378.32	3,483.33
Salaries — Call Firemen	500.00	503.87	500.00
Soc. Security & Retirement	164.67	151.02	164.66
Equipment	220.33	153.44	408.00
Supplies	400.00		400.00
Insurance	118.67	82.65	115.67
Vacation Salaries	83.33	62.56	83.34
Fighting Forest Fires	.....	106.60	.....
Payment on New Truck	1,000.00	1,000.00	*1,000.00
Total Town	$6,953.68	$6,488.50	$7,221.67
Total Dept.	$18,861.00	$17,465.50	$19,665.00

*Town's share of cost of Aerial Ladder Truck $10,000.00. — Third Annual Payment.

	1955 Budget	1955 Expended	1956 Budget
Health Department			
Expenses Health Officer	$50.00	$52.60	$60.00
Vaccinations	70.00	.....	25.00
Total	$120.00	$52.60	$85.00
Refuse and Garbage Coll.			
Garbage Coll.	$400.00	$400.00	$400.00
Payroll	3,500.00	2,893.40	3,500.00
Soc. Security	70.00	57.86	70.00
Operating Pump at Dump	.....	.....	100.00
Materials and supplies	25.00	2.85	25.00
Insurance	50.00	20.49	35.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	1,212.91	.....
Total	$5,045.00	$4,591.51	$4,130.00
Public Welfare			
Old Age Assistance	$1,000.00	$886.85	$1,000.00
Town Poor	250.00	548.52	250.00
Total	$1,250.00	$1,435.37	$1,250.00
Town Maintenance			
Payroll	$12,000.00	$8,977.02	$11,000.00
Soc. Security	240.00	334.40	335.00
Petroleum Products	2,700.00	2,724.16	2,700.00
Equipment — Maint.	3,500.00	4,347.94	3,500.00
Materials & Supplies	2,500.00	1,637.67	1,500.00
Highway Salt	.....	2,421.02	1,500.00
Equip. Rental	100.00	30.00	100.00
Road Tar	4,000.00	3,623.11	4,000.00
Utilities	50.00	42.01	50.00
Insurance	1,150.00	1,296.44	1,200.00
Contract Services	400.00	1,140.70	500.00
Total	$26,640.00	$26,574.47	$26,385.00
Garage Rent	$500.00	$500.00	$500.00
Civil Defense	100.00	1.50	100.00
Street Lighting	3,200.00	3,202.56	3,400.00
Town Road Aid	471.12	2,879.95	471.03
Libraries	500.00	500.00	500.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00	97.49	100.00

	1955 Budget	1955 Expended	1956 Budget
Cemeteries			
School House Lane	50.00	25.25	50.00
Town Cemetery	450.00	447.93	100.00
Hydrant Rental	310.00	310.00	340.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00
Seacoast Regional	200.00	200.00	200.00
Debt Retirement			
Bonded debt — Principal	8,269.84	8,269.84	8,269.83
Bonded debt — Interest	1,869.14	1,870.59	1,729.05
Short term notes, Interest	150.00	151.11	150.00
Bond and Coupon Service	25.00	18.97	20.00
Totals	$10,313.98	$10,310.51	$10,168.88
Town Improvements			
Sidewalk Construct.	$3,000.00	$2,123.05	$2,000.00
Purchase of culvert pipe	400.00	400.00	.....
Shade trees & Roadside Imp.	400.00	300.00	300.00
Mill Road Rotary	.....	.....	2,000.00
Sewer Construction	.....	.....	5,000.00
Town Garage Lot	.....	.....	1,000.00
Blinker	.....	.....	500.00
Mill Pond Road	.....	.....	1,000.00
Jenkins Court & Parking Lot	4,000.00	2,426.14	.....
Total	$7,800.00	$5,249.19	$11,800.00
New Equipment	$5,000.00	$5,307.40	$500.00
Capital Reserve Funds			
Highway Equip.	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
Sewer Construct.	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Total Town Budget	$87,145.38	$85,959.08	$86,044.68
Revenue (Town)	43,164.68	48,007.22	45,025.65
To be raised by Prop. Taxes	$43,980.70	$37,951.86	$41,019.03

TAX RATE

Durham's 1955 Tax Rate

		Percent of Rate
Town Appropriation less Town Revenue	$41,674.93	21
School District Appropriation less School Revenue	144,154.48	73
Strafford County Assessment	12,064.58	6
Total to be raised by Taxes	$197,893.99	100%
(Divided by Assessed Valuation	$4,136,975.00)	

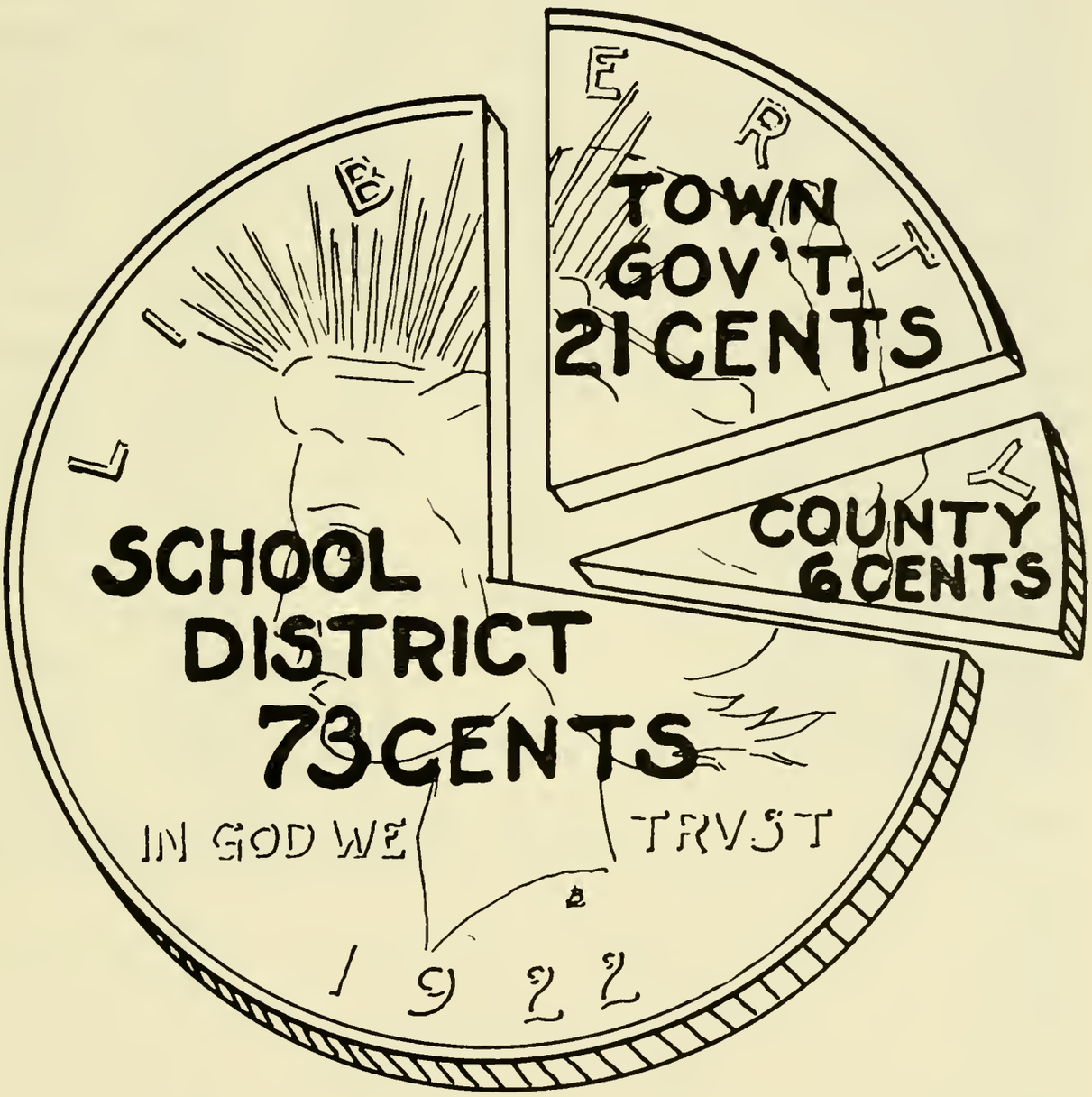
1955 Tax Rate $47.80 per $1,000 Valuation

Durham's Estimated 1956 Tax Rate

		Percent of Rate
Town Appropriation less Town Revenue	$41,019.03	20
School District Appropriation less School Revenue	155,348.00	74
Strafford County Assessment	13,000.00	6
Total to be raised by Taxes	$209,367.03	100%
(Divided by Estimated Assessed Valuation	$4,286,975.00)	

1956 Estimated Rate $48.84 per $1,000 Valuation

EXPENDITURE OF DURHAM'S PROPERTY TAXES



1955 TAX DOLLAR

REVENUE TO TOWN
Estimated for 1956 Budget

	1953 Actual	1954 Actual	1955 Actual	1956 Budget
Interest and Dividends Tax	$8,390.57	$7,646.35	$10,639.19	$10,000.00
Railroad Tax	1,086.80	1,038.07	1,072.40	1,075.00
Savings Bank Tax	833.73	758.64	1,632.71	1,600.00
Timber Yield Tax	1,781.56	959.08	1,901.48	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Tax	12,108.50	12,969.24	14,632.89	13,500.00
Dog Licenses	774.00	781.50	790.50	780.00
Business Licenses and Permits	107.00	101.00	89.00	75.00
Fines & Forfeits, Mun. Court	918.03	1,110.98	1,242.44	1,200.00
Rental of Town Property	960.00	905.00	850.00	960.00
Highway Department	6,569.85	2,492.19	3,203.64	5,000.00
Cash Surplus	8,887.90	3,003.80	3,003.80	1,666.77
Sewer Assessments	3,600.00	3,885.00	4,080.00	4,500.00
Poll Taxes	1,910.00	1,910.00	2,042.00	2,000.00
National Bank Tax	52.00	52.00	201.00	200.00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes	27.30	88.83	58.08	50.00
Sale of Town Property	75.00	1.25	25.00	450.00
Refund Fighting Forest Fires	39.70	59.55	53.30	.....
Reimbursement Old Age Ass't	68.29	.....	259.95	.....
Miscellaneous Revenues	541.23	140.28	1,808.61	500.00
Refund Heat Town Hall	.....	468.63	352.35	400.00
Street Assessments	539.15	133.73	68.88	68.88
Total	$49,270.61	$38,505.12	$48,007.22	$45,025.65

SALARIES AND WAGES PAID DURING 1955

Donald Plaisted	*$4,000.00
Lawrence Slanetz	100.00
Albert Littlehale	25.00
Forrest Smart	250.00
Bradford McIntire	150.00
John Wolf	35.00
Stanley Shimer	35.00
Arthur W. Johnson	45.00
Paul E. Schaefer	400.00
James C. Chamberlin	500.00
Henry A. Davis	400.00
Leon M. Crouch	*3,700.00
William Patriquin	3,093.78
Walter Schultz	3,040.04
Jones Tuttle	2,809.48
Theodore R. Niemi	2,804.88
Joseph W. Fisk	2,724.15
Roland Magoon	2,899.60
Frederic S. Palmer	1,166.67
Louis P. Bourgoin	150.00
Benjamin Thomas	3,250.00
Additional Special Police	160.00
Gordon Percival	18.00
Elizabeth Smart	5.00
Priscilla Perry	5.00
Wallis Rand	12.00
Carroll M. Nash	1,050.04
Alfred Welch	912.66
Mark Johnson	875.99
Louis E. Lambert	882.71
Verne Varney	104.16

John F. Conway	376.58
30 Call Firemen	503.87
Substitute Firemen (Vacation Time)	281.75
Total Pay Roll	$36,765.86

*Part paid through Water Department Salaries.

PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS

Town Maintenance	$8,169.22
Refuse and Dump	2,893.40
Logging Operations	785.25
Construction	
Road	4,460.63
Sidewalk	294.05
Water and Fire Main	1,472.70
Water Maintenance	233.05
Water Department Salaries	1,800.00
Reading Water Meters	187.50
Sewer Maintenance	9.90
Cleaning Town Hall	4.40
Superintendent Public Works	3,200.00
Other Town Officers	2,330.00
Clerical	2,300.00
Election and Registration	78.00
Police Department	3,560.00
Fire Department	4,987.76
Total	$36,765.86

SCHEDULE OF BOND PAYMENTS

Date of Maturity	Water Revenue Bonds Int. and Prin. Due in April Interest in October 1½% Issued 1946	Water Ext. Bonds Int. and Prin. Due in April Interest in October 2½% Issued 1947	Total from Water Revenue	Road Imp. Bonds Int. and Prin. Due in April Interest in October 1½% Issued 1946	Sewer Construction Interest Due February Int. and Prin. August 1¾% Issued 1947	Total From Assessment & Taxation
Original Issue	$43,000.00	$44,000.00		$20,000.00	$145,000.00	
1956	2,730.17	2,000.00	4,730.17	1,269.83	7,000.00	8,269.83
1957	2,730.16	2,000.00	4,730.16	1,269.84	7,000.00	8,269.84
1958	2,730.17	2,000.00	4,730.17	1,269.83	8,000.00	9,269.83
1959	2,730.16	2,000.00	4,730.16	1,269.84	8,000.00	9,269.84
1960	2,730.17	2,000.00	4,730.17	1,269.83	8,000.00	9,269.83
1961	2,730.16	2,000.00	4,730.16	1,269.84	8,000.00	9,269.84
1962	2,707.86	2,000.00	4,707.86	292.14	8,000.00	8,292.14
1963		2,000.00	2,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00
1964		2,000.00	2,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00
1965		2,000.00	2,000.00		11,000.00	11,000.00
1966		2,000.00	2,000.00		11,000.00	11,000.00
1967		2,000.00	2,000.00			
1968		2,000.00	2,000.00			
Total Outstanding	$19,088.85	$26,000.00	$45,088.85	$7,911.15	$92,000.00	$99,911.15

Total Bonded Indebtedness $145,000.00

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

April 1, 1955

COMPARATIVE LIST FOR 1951-1952-1953-1954-1955

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Land and Buildings	$3,386,323.00	$3,515,871.00	$3,604,469.00	$3,721,003.00	$3,882,223.00
Growing Wood and Timber	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Electric Property	192,952.00	208,837.00	235,203.00	256,530.00	282,208.00
Horses	3,950.00	3,200.00	2,100.00	1,100.00	950.00
Cows	50,965.00	54,700.00	40,450.00	28,325.00	15,540.00
Neat Stock	2,555.00	3,915.00	3,100.00	1,050.00	1,200.00
Sheep	1,202.00	1,780.00	1,405.00	670.00	520.00
Hogs	100.00	.....	60.00	60.00	.....
Fowls	4,510.00	4,060.00	2,725.00	1,795.00	1,614.00
Portable Mills - Road Machinery	11,450.00	14,700.00	8,250.00	9,350.00	8,325.00
Boats and Launches	4,150.00	2,800.00	1,800.00	600.00	600.00
Wood and Lumber	400.00	61,692.00	35,506.00	8,257.00	11,225.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	2,275.00	2,775.00	2,925.00	2,850.00	2,900.00
Stock in Trade	77,752.00	76,232.00	76,669.00	39,285.00	46,990.00
Mills and Machinery	3,330.00	5,030.00	1,500.00	1,990.00	50.00
Fur-Bearing Animals	2,100.00	660.00	1,680.00	2,940.00	1,900.00
Total	$3,744,014.00	$3,956,252.00	$4,017,842.00	$4,075,803.00	$4,256,245.00
Veterans Exemptions	71,700.00	79,120.00	95,900.00	104,025.00	119,270.00
Grand Total	$3,672,314.00	$3,877,132.00	$3,921,942.00	$3,971,778.00	$4,136,975.00

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY
December 31, 1955

	Condition
TRUCKS	
1955 International 3-Ton Dump (No. 2)	Excellent
1953 International 3-Ton Dump (No. 3)	Good
1952 International 3-Ton Dump (No. 1)	Excellent
1950 International 3-Ton Dump (No. 4)	Good
1951 Willys-Jeep ¾-Ton (No. 5)	Fair
GRADER	
Austin-Western 99M	Good
TRACTORS	
Caterpillar — Forty (with dozer blade)	Fair
Case Industrial — 1954	Good
PLOWS	
4 Frink one-way	Good
1 Good Roads — reversible	Poor
1 Frink V (Truck)	Good
1 Large V with wings (use only with Caterpillar)	Good
1 Sidewalk (use with Case tractor)	Fair
1 Small blade (use with Case tractor)	Fair
1 Snow wing	Poor
1 Reversible (use on Jeep Truck)	Poor
WELDER — Hobart, Electric	Fair
AIR COMPRESSOR — Smith	Excellent
SAND SPREADERS	
2 Sand Spreaders (bought 1951)	Good
PAINT SPRAYER — Sears	Good
ROAD ROLLER — (light weight)	Fair
CONCRETE MIXER — (capacity ½ bag cement) (rebuilt)	Good
WATER TANK — 200-gal. (can be used from truck)	Fair
CANVAS COVERS (3) — large	Poor
PAVEMENT BREAKER (1)	Good
PNEUMATIC DRILL (1)	Excellent
ROAD FLARES (25) — (Pot type)	Good
OIL PUMPS (2)	Good
FIRE PUMPS (2) — Smith-Indian (Dump)	Good
FIRE PUMP (1) — Fairbanks Morse 3-Horse (Dump)	Excellent
GURLEY TRANSIT (No. 49851)	Good
POWER SAW (1) — Strunk	Excellent

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

January 1, 1955 through December 31, 1955

PROPERTY TAX WARRANTS

To 1955 Property Warrant	$197,747.48	
To 1955 Property Added	213.50	
Total	$197,960.98	
Road Assessment	68.88	
National Bank Stock Tax	201.00	
		$198,230.86
Interest Collected		18.51
Expenses Advertising and Sale		74.75
Total		$198,324.12
By Remittances to Treasurer		
1954 Warrant and Added	$196,840.87	
Interest Collected	18.51	
Expenses Advertising and Sale	74.75	
		$196,934.13
By Abatements		262.94
By Discount Allowed		1,127.05
		$198,324.12

To 1954 Warrant — Uncollected Property Tax
Harold & Eva Thomas ($29.10)

POLL TAX WARRANT

To 1954 Warrant Uncollected		$350.00		
To 1954 Added List 61 @ $2		122.00		
			$472.00	
Interest Collected			.12	
				$472.12
By Remittances to Treasurer				
Collections Warrant		$320.00		
Interest Collected		.12		
			$320.12	
By 1954 Poll Taxes Abated			152.00	
				$472.12
To 1955 Warrant	1,038	$2,076.00		
To 1955 Added List	36	72.00		
			$2,148.00	
Interest Collected			.02	
				$2,148.02

By Remittances to Treasurer			
Collection on Warrant	$1,722.00		
Interest Collected	.02		
		$1,722.02	
By Uncollected		426.00	
			$2,148.02

TIMBER YIELD TAX

To 1955 Warrant		$2,609.42
By Remittances to Treasurer	$1,783.14	
By Uncollected		
Pittsburg Box and Lumber Co.	323.35	
Melvin Clark	573.12	
		2,679.61
Overpaid by William Cole — Refunded		$70.19
Debit		
To 1954 Warrant Uncollected Yield Tax	$118.34	
To Interest Collected	2.09	
		$120.43
By Remittances to Treasurer		
W. S. Woodward	$8.54	
Albert St. Jean and Archille Roy	111.89	
		$120.43

SEWER RENTAL WARRANT

To 1955 Warrant	$819.00	
1955 Added	3.00	
		$822.00
By Remittances to Treasurer		$822.00

SEWER ASSESSMENT WARRANT

To 1955 Warrant	$4,065.00	
1955 Added	15.00	
		$4,080.00
By Remittances to Treasurer		$4,080.00

TAX REDEMPTIONS

	Taxes - Costs Int. Thru Sale	After Sale Costs	After Sale Interest	Total
To 1951 Warrant				
Mrs. William Walker	$24.39	$.50	$3.75	$28.64
To 1953 Warrant				
Margaret Cutter Est.	$16.42	$.50	$1.66	$18.58
William Walker	22.91	1.90	5.23	30.04
Total Redemption 1953 Warrant	$39.33	$2.40	$6.89	$48.62

To 1954 Warrant					
Charles C. & Eliz. Ackerman	$128.82		$2.40	$14.84*	$146.06
Edward & Geneva Chapman	30.10		1.40	2.31	33.81
Pi Kappa Alpha	334.30		1.40	5.60	341.30
Walter L. Hill	22.55		1.40		23.95
Grace Judith Pike	16.41	$5.64**	1.40	.28	12.45
Mrs. Lloyd Van Da Linda	334.40		1.90	1.85	338.15
Oliver Coleman Est.	69.77		1.40	.46	71.63
Margaret Cutter Est.	108.16		7.90	11.36	121.42
Total Redemption 1954 Warrant	$1,044.51	$5.64	$13.20	$36.70*	$1,088.77

*$10.00 overpayment — to be refunded to Charles Ackerman
**Abated

Total Debits	$1,166.03
By Remittances to Treasurer	$1,166.03

HEAD TAX WARRANTS

To 1954 Warrant Uncollected	$1,220.00	
To 1954 Added List	495.00	
To Penalties Collected	120.00	
		$1,835.00
By Remittance to Treasurer		
Collections on Warrant	$1,200.00	
Penalties Collected	120.00	
	$1,320.00	
Head Taxes Abated	515.00	
		$1,835.00
To 1955 Warrant	$6,890.00	
To 1955 Added List	290.00	
To Penalties Collected	17.50	
		$7,197.50
By Remittances to Treasurer		
Collections on Warrant	$5,825.00	
To Penalties Collected	17.50	
	$5,842.50	
1955 Head Taxes Uncollected	1,355.00	
		$7,197.50

TOWN CLERK — TAX COLLECTOR

Paid to Treasurer — Town of Durham
January 1, 1955 through December 31, 1955

FROM TOWN CLERK

Licenses	$75.00	
Automobile Permits	14,632.89	
Dog and Kennel Licenses	790.50	
Miscellaneous	33.00	
		$15,531.39

FROM TAX COLLECTOR

Property Tax		
1955 Warrant	$196,840.87	
Interest Collected	18.51	
Expenses Advertising and Sale	74.75	
		$196,934.13
Poll Taxes		
1955 Warrant	$1,650.00	
1955 Added	72.00	
Interest Collected	.02	
		1,722.02
1954 Warrant	$198.00	
1954 Added	122.00	
Interest Collected	.12	
		320.12
Timber Yield Tax		
1954 Warrant Uncollected	$118.34	
Interest Collected	2.09	
		120.43
1955 Warrant	$1,783.14	
		1,783.14
Sewer Rentals		
1955 Warrant	$819.00	
1955 Added	3.00	
		822.00
Sewer Assessments		
1955 Warrant	$4,065.00	
1955 Added	15.00	
		4,080.00
Tax Redemptions		
1951 Taxes thru Sale	$24.39	
Costs	.50	
Interest	3.75	
		28.64

1953 Taxes thru Sale	$39.33	
Costs	2.40	
Interest	6.89	
		48.62
1954 Taxes thru Sale	$1,048.87	
Costs	13.20	
Interest	26.70	
		1,088.77
Head Taxes		
1955 Warrant	$5,535.00	
1955 Added	290.00	
Penalties Collected	17.50	
		5,842.50
1954 Warrant	$705.00	
1954 Added	495.00	
Penalties Collected	120.00	
		1,320.00
		$229,641.76

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 1 through December 31, 1955

Licenses			
Theatre	1	$75.00	$75.00
Automobile Permits			
1954	75	$318.83	
1955	1,535	14,314.06	
			14,632.89
Dog Licenses			
Male & Spayed Females	266	$532.00	
Females	37	185.00	
Kennels	4	64.00	
Penalties	19	19.50	
			790.50
Miscellaneous			
Filing Fees		$8.00	
Sale Town Histories		25.00	
			33.00
Total			$15,531.39
By Remittances to Town Treasurer			$15,531.39

L. M. CROUCH, *Town Clerk*

REMITTANCES TO TREASURER

Check No. 110	February 6	$1,785.76
111	February 17	1,600.00
112	March 15	680.64
113	March 15	2,000.00
114	March 18	2,000.00
115	April 4	4,118.04
116	May 12	998.89
117	June 7	96.00
119	June 7	1,402.41
120	July 7	3,442.44
121	July 7	273.00
122	August 15	63.00
123	August 15	3,309.97
124	September 7	84.00
125	September 7	1,799.67
126	October 4	6.00
127	October 4	9,455.77
128	October 4	9,000.00
129	October 13	10,000.00
130	November 2	54.00
131	November 2	88,056.67
132	December 6	120.00
133	December 6	62,430.61
134	December 16	15,000.00
135	December 31	126.00
136	December 31	11,738.89
Total		$229,641.76

TAXES BOUGHT BY THE TOWN

And Remaining Unredeemed as of December 31, 1955

Date of Tax Sale	12-30-53	12-31-54	12-31-55	Total
Year of Levy	1953	1954	1955	
Tuck, James	$62.40	$75.90	$77.49	$215.79
Walker, William, Est.		97.72	37.86	135.58
Cotter, Margaret N., Est.		41.92	154.35	196.27
Dow, Mrs. Clifford			24.65	24.65
Roy, Archille & Albert St. Jean			15.04	15.04
Rudd, William & Elaine			231.22	231.22
Sleeper, William			24.65	24.65
Hamlin, Florence			87.82	87.82
Chapman, Edward & Geneva			32.34	32.34
Jones, Albert & Florence			207.20	207.20
Totals	$62.40	$215.54	$892.62	$1,170.56

L. M. CROUCH, *Tax Collector*

REPORT OF TAX SALE

Held December 31, 1955

	Taxes - Int. & Costs to Sale	Cost of Sale	Costs of Redemption	Total
Chapman, Edward & Geneva	$29.01	$1.55	$1.78	$32.34
Cotter, Margaret N. Est.	151.02	1.55	1.78	154.35
Dow, Mrs. Clifford	21.32	1.55	1.78	24.65
Jones, Albert & Florence	203.87	1.55	1.78	207.20
Roy, Archille & Albert S. Jean	11.71	1.55	1.78	15.04
Rudd, William & Elaine	227.89	1.55	1.78	231.22
Sleeper, William	21.32	1.55	1.78	24.65
Tuck, James	74.16	1.55	1.78	77.49
Walker, William Est.	34.53	1.55	1.78	37.86
Hamlin, Florence	84.49	1.55	1.78	87.82
Totals	$859.32	$15.50	$17.80	$892.62

L. M. CROUCH, *Tax Collector*

CONDENSED REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending December 31, 1955

Cash on hand January 1, 1955			$3,590.14
Property Taxes, Current Year, 1955		$196,570.99	
Property Taxes, Previous Year		103.84	
Tax Sales Redeemed		1,007.25	
Poll Taxes, Current Year, 1955		1,722.00	
Poll Taxes, Previous Year		320.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes, 1955		201.00	
Road Assessments, 1955		68.88	
Timber Yield Tax, 1955		1,783.14	
Timber Yield Tax, 1954		118.34	
Sewer Assessments, 1955		4,080.00	
Interest Received on Taxes		58.08	
Costs Recovered		92.35	
Head Taxes, Current Year, 1955	$5,825.00		
Head Taxes, Previous Years	1,200.00		
Penalties	137.50		
		7,162.50	
Sewer Rentals, 1955	$822.00		
Less Deposit in Savings Bank	549.00		
		273.00	
Total Receipts from Tax Collector			213,561.37
Motor Vehicle Permits, 1954	$317.06		
Motor Vehicle Permits, 1955	14,315.83		
		$14,632.89	
Dog and Kennel License		790.50	
Licenses and Filing Fees		83.00	
Sale Town Histories		25.00	
Total Receipts from Town Clerk			15,531.39
Highway — Labor and Equipment		$1,575.16	
Snow Plowing		134.50	
Driveway Tarring		785.50	
TRA Refund		285.13	
Road Toll Refund		423.35	
Municipal Court, Brad McIntire		802.94	
Police Fines		439.50	
Pistol Permits		6.00	
Sale Lumber		1,315.84	
Rent of Town Hall		850.00	
Interest and Dividend Tax		10,639.19	
Savings Bank Tax		1,632.71	

Railroad Tax		1,072.40	
Refunds —			
Fighting Forest Fires	$53.30		
Withholding Tax	18.60		
Recording	26.87		
Oyster River School District	440.71		
FICA Tax	6.59		
Heating	352.35		
Corson Old Age Assistance	259.95		
		1,158.37	
Temporary Loans		30,000.00	
			51,120.59
Total Receipts			$280,231.35
Total			283,803.49
Paid Out On Selectmen's Orders			279,718.10
Cash On Hand December 31, 1955			$4,085.39

NOTE: Sewer Rentals for $273.00 to be transferred to Sewer Savings Account.

FORREST H. SMART, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
For Year Ending December 31, 1955
Durham Water Department

Cash on hand, Checking Account, January 1, 1955		$6,212.64
Transferred from Savings Account, January 19, 1955	$1,500.00	
Transferred from Savings Account, March 27, 1955	2,692.61	
Transferred from Savings Account, May 27, 1955	2,000.00	
		6,192.61
Receipts 1955		24,059.32
Total Cash		$36,464.57
Paid Out on Selectmen's Orders		30,138.36
Cash on Hand December 31, 1955		$6,326.21
Savings Bank Account January 1, 1955	$11,209.52	
Transferred to Checking Account	6,192.61	
	$5,016.91	
Interest Added	182.07	
Balance on hand, Savings Account December 31, 1955		5,198.98
Total Water Department Funds, December 31, 1955		$11,525.19

FORREST H. SMART, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
For Year Ending December 31, 1955

Sewer Department

Cash on hand, Checking Account, January 1, 1955		$2,115.59
Receipts, Sewer Construction		286.15
Total		$2,401.74
Paid Out On Selectmen's Orders		951.62
Cash on hand, December 31, 1955, Checking Account		$1,450.12
Savings Account, Sewer Maintenance —		
Cash on hand January 1, 1955	$2,859.33	
Deposited Sewer Rentals	549.00	
Interest Added	86.26	
Total Savings Account Sewer Maintenance Funds		3,494.59
Total Sewer Department Funds, December 31, 1955		$4,944.71
Note: Plus Rentals of $273.00 to be transferred from Town Account to Sewer Savings Account		273.00
Total		$5,217.71

FORREST H. SMART, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF DURHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

ON HAND — January 1, 1955			
Operating Funds: (Checking acct., and Savings Acct.)		$8,645.98	
Construction Funds: (Checking acct., and Savings Acct.)		8,736.42	
Total on Hand		$17,382.40	
Receipts — 1955			
Sale of water	$19,498.32		
Refunds	2.64		
Reimbursement for service & supplies	1,065.46		
Hydrant Rental (31)	310.00		
Interest on savings accounts	221.85		
Lot-front footage charges:			
New main installations	1,182.87		
Total Receipts		22,281.14	
Total Funds Available			$39,663.54
Expenditures — Operating			
Water purchased	$4,139.77		
Meter reading costs	187.50		
Water main maintenance	181.79		
Meter installation and repairs	13.22		
Hydrant Maintenance	64.70		
Salary, Supt. Public Works	800.00		
Salary, Office Clerk	1,000.00		
Office Expenses	107.00		
Insurance	15.82		
Interest	994.41		
Fluoridation supplies	183.54		
Total Operating		$7,687.75	
Expenditures — Capital			
Principal on Note and Bonds	$6,230.16		
New meters	433.19		
Water main C. I. pipe & supplies: (main extension, Madbury Road not included — see below)	4,785.32		
Fluoridation equipment	918.20		
Main Extension — Madbury Road			
1,440 linear feet plus 3 crossovers of road			
C. I. pipe 6 in. & supplies $4,215.28			
Labor, excavation, back fill 3,868.45			
	8,083.73		

Total installation costs —			
Abutters charged (2.7577 per front foot)	$3,370.88		
Water Department investment	4,712.85		
Total Capital Expenses		20,450.60	
Total Expenses			28,138.35
Total Funds on Hand Dec. 31, 1955			$11,525.19
Distribution of funds on Hand December 31, 1955			
Checking account		$6,326.21	
Savings account		5,198.98	
Total on Hand			$11,525.19
Accounts Receivable			
(a) 4th quarter 1955 — water billing		$1,044.76	
(b) Over 90 day due 1955 — water billing (no account over 120 day due)		483.42	
(c) Water connection & service payable		746.82	
(d) Lot "front-footage" charges (Madbury Road) (due when connections are made — see regulations)		2,188.01	
Total Accounts Receivable			$4,463.01

NOTE —

(1) Pipe, valves and supplies on hand represent an investment of $2,547.29 (For extension on Newmarket Road to Landing Road)

(2) $2,000.00 of the above total is earmarked for water resources survey authorized in 1955 but not spent.

(3) Number of metered water accounts as of Dec. 31, 1955 — 382

(4) Water consumption for four quarters from Oct. 1, 1954 to Sept. 30, 1955 was 34,351,449 gallons.

REPORT OF DURHAM SEWER DEPARTMENT

Statement of Cash Transactions

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

SEWER MAINTENANCE FUNDS

Savings Account			
Balance January 1, 1955		$2,859.33	
Deposit Sewer Rentals		549.00	
Interest Added		86.26	
Total Savings Account			$3,494.59
Checking Account			
Balance January 1, 1955		$1,072.32	
Less expended in 1955			
Printing	$8.10		
Labor & Material	37.60		
		45.70	
Sewer Maintenance Checking Account Dec. 31, 1955			1,026.62
Total Sewer Maintenance Funds December 31, 1955			$4,521.21

SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

Balance Checking account Jan. 1, 1955		$1,043.27	
Receipts from construction charges		286.15	
Total		$1,329.42	
Less expended in 1955			
Printing	$8.10		
Insurance	5.19		
Labor and Material	142.63		
Engineers survey report	750.00		
		905.92	
Total Sewer Construction Funds December 31, 1955			423.50
Total Sewer Department Funds December 31, 1955			$4,944.71
Sewer Funds in Capital Reserve			$1,551.30
Accounts Receivable			
Sewer Construction			72.21
From Town, Sewer Maintenance			273.00

NOTE —

Sewer rental paid in on 274 units

Properties served by "old" sewer system prior to 1947-1948 construction not included in number of units paying rental and entrance fees.

See report of Tax Collector for statement of Sewer Rental and Sewer Assessment Warrant collections.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY SELECTMEN

For Year Ended December 31, 1955

Town Officers' Salaries	$5,640.60	
Town Officers' Expenses	4,447.96	
Election and Registration	168.60	
Town Hall and Other Buildings	1,221.23	
Police Department	4,275.43	
Fire Department	6,488.50	
Care of Trees	300.00	
Civil Defense	1.50	
Health Department	52.60	
Withholding Tax	18.60	
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	4,591.51	
Town Maintenance	26,574.47	
Town Road Aid	2,879.95	
Street Lighting	3,202.56	
Garage Rent	500.00	
Old Age Assistance	886.85	
Town Poor	548.52	
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	97.49	
Hydrant Rental	310.00	
Cemeteries	473.18	
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00	
Refunds Taxes	188.69	
Jenkins Court and Parking Lot	2,426.14	
Culvert Pipe	400.00	
Sidewalk Construction	2,123.05	
New Equipment	5,307.40	
Temporary Loan	30,000.00	
Payment of Bond Principal	8,269.84	
Interest Paid	2,021.70	
County Taxes	12,064.58	
Oyster River Cooperative School	144,154.48	
1954 Head Tax and Penalties	1,486.05	
1955 Head Tax	4,889.30	
To Equipment Reserve	1,000.00	
To Sewer Construction Reserve	1,000.00	
Libraries	500.00	
Advertising and Regional Associations	200.00	
Taxes Bought by Town	874.82	
Costs	82.50	
Total Expenditures Authorized by Selectmen		$279,718.10

ANALYSIS OF CASH BALANCE

Cash Committed —		
December Collection Head Tax	$617.50	
Accounts Payable	1,528.12	
To be transferred to Sewer Maintenance	273.00	
Cash Surplus	1,666.77	
Cash on Hand December 31, 1955		$4,085.39
Accounts owing Town December 31, 1955	$341.16	
TRA Refunds due from State	3,194.80	
Total		$3,535.96

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Some one has said, you must either move forward or go backward; you cannot stand still. The Selectmen believe that Durham is moving forward. The year has seen the completion of the Main Street sidewalk project. We appreciated the favorable comments on the sidewalk and the wall. The Madbury Road parking lot was almost doubled in area. This spring should see the completion of its surfacing, lighting and marking. A long term lease on the piece of land between the Durgin Apartment and the Hardware House enabled us to connect Jenkins Court with the parking lot. We appreciate the cooperation of Mr. deMoulpied. Jenkins Court was widened, but one-way traffic was necessary to permit parking space on one side. An asphalt sidewalk with a rolled curb will make that project essentially complete. The cooperation of the Dunfey's, Mr. Michael, Mr. deMoulpied and the Franklin Theater owners in donating a part of their property to the project is sincerely appreciated. Oyster River Road and the section of Garden Lane beyond Valentine Hill Road were accepted and surfaced. The section of Mast Road north of the Concord Road (passing the University Barns) and a portion of Wiswall Road were surfaced. For several years we have concentrated "Town Road Aid" funds on Bennett Road. This year saw the completion of that project. We now have a hard surface road from Newmarket Road to the Packer's Falls Road. The new section which removed the road from Beaudet's Barnyard is a great improvement. We appreciate the patience and the cooperation of Mrs. Beaudet.

Last year the Selectmen reported the layout of a new road from Newmarket Road to the Durham Laundry as a connecting link for the roads in the Red Tower Development and a by-pass for Church Hill. The need for this last was strongly underscored the day of the Marston fire. Final agreement on rights of way for the road was not reached because the Selectmen could give no assurance as to when the road might be built. It now appears that "Mill Pond Road" as the Selectmen have named it, may become a reality within the next year.

We are sure the Townsfolk have appreciated the cooperation of the Town Crew, especially in the task of Rubbish Removal, a task which increases each year. Without the loyalty and cooperation of the Crew the Selectmen would not have been able to encompass the many projects undertaken during the year. Town equipment was improved by the replacement of one truck and the air hammer; one new snowplow was added. A long-standing equipment need was met this year by building removable hoods for two of the trucks; the hoods protect the crew while salting or sanding.

A new pump was installed at the Town Dump, which should save its cost many times over in controlling Dump fires, and in saving fire equipment runs to the Dump.

In January and February the Town Crew logged out the Doe Farm woodlot salvaging the blow down from hurricane Carol. This was done on request of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

In the Concord Road Cemetery a new road was built, the existing roads were graded and reshaped, and a considerable quantity of grading done to help care for the drainage problem. Culverts are needed in two or three places to prevent road washouts. These, it is hoped, can be installed during the coming year.

Every seventh year in perpetuity the Selectmen must perambulate the Town lines in company with the selectmen of the adjoining towns, making sure that the bounds are in good order. This was the year of perambulation. The lines were duly inspected and the returns filed with the Town Clerk in accord with the law.

Durham has been growing for several years at the rate of 20-30 new houses per year. This year 27 permits for new buildings were issued. In 1950 the total assessed valuation of the town was $3,423,773.00. The comparable figure for 1955 is $4,136,975.00. These figures show a total increase in property valuations of $713,202.00 for an average of $118,867.00 per year. The Red Tower Development which was approved as a sub-

division two years ago is now beginning to show activity. Mr. Wendell Davis secured approval last year for the partial development of his proposed subdivision in the Davis Road area where three houses are presently under construction. Mr. Benjamin Orcutt secured approval a year ago for the partial development of a new subdivision on the westerly part of Madbury Road in the Emerson Road area. Three houses have appeared in that area. Mr. Paul DeGross secured approval this year for his plans to develop the area at the easterly side of Madbury Road between Pendexter Road and the Town Line; two houses are under construction in that area. On the Frank Morrison estate Mr. Gangwer is constructing a ten unit apartment building. Many individual homes are under construction.

The subdivision regulations in effect since 1952 provide that roads to subgrade, water and sewage disposal facilities within the subdivision are the responsibility of the subdivider, however, the Oyster River Road area and the southerly end of Garden Lane were laid out and approved prior to the adoption of the present regulations. In this area a real health problem has developed because the septic tank effluent cannot be absorbed by the soil and at times has run in the drainage ditch at the roadside. In order that any plan proposed for the relief of this situation would fit into any future development of the area, the Selectmen engaged the Boston firm of Camp Dresser and McKee, Engineering consultants, to study the area and submit their report. We have their report in hand. The Public Works Advisory Committee and the Planning Board have approved a plan for submission to the voters of the Town.

Relations with the officers of the University have continued to be cordial. The Selectmen have conferred with the Trustees and with other officers of the University at length on the matter of the water supply, but as yet no conclusions have been reached on the selection of an Engineering firm to make a survey of present and future water resources.

Doubtless few of the Townsfolk have noted any change in

the "Wonderful" taste of Durham's water, but users of Town water have enjoyed the benefits of fluoridation since last July.

Through agreements reached with abutting property owners in relation to sharing the cost on the basis of lot front footage, the Madbury Road hydrant line was extended to Pendexter Road. An agreement was also reached with Mr. Paul DeGross which is permitting the extension of the line along Pendexter Road.

Relatively few people are happy to pay taxes, hence but a small proportion are glad to welcome the Selectmen when they appear to assess the property for tax purposes. It is the constant purpose of the Selectmen to have comparable pieces of property assessed in relation to their comparable values. We admit that we are not omniscient and that errors are made. These we attempt to correct whenever they come to our attention. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation, patience and forbearance of the property owners of Durham.

This is the first year in which Durham has had a Town Police Department all its own. On July 1, Chief Louis Bourgoin retired after many years of loyal and devoted service to the University and to the Town. Ben Thomas, who had served the Town for several years under Louis' direction, was appointed Chief of Durham Police. The problems of police protection for the Town and the University have been discussed at length. We have developed a plan for cooperation which should be advantageous to both. In October, Mr. Earl Rogers was appointed Chief of Campus Police and was deputized by the Selectmen as were the watchmen of the University and other campus police in order that they might cooperate more effectively with Chief Thomas. Several times during the year it has been necessary to employ part time police assistance. As the town grows, such assistance must increase.

As we look to the future, we see the need for the improvement of and surfacing of more Town roads. We propose to use the 1956 T. R. A. on sections of the Bay Road and the Dame Road. Bagdad Road, Canney Road and Mill Road must also re-

ceive attention. We hope for improvement in the traffic problem on Main Street with the construction of the proposed rotary, but real relief can come only from a major change in traffic flow. If you would like to see a "by-pass" let the Highway Commissioner know about it; a single voice crying in the wilderness has little effect. As we continue to crystal gaze, we see in the future a need for relief of the Selectmen. The Superintendent of Public Works takes a great load from their shoulders, and we sincerely appreciate the assistance and cooperation of Don Plaisted. Though Leon Crouch is the Tax Collector and Town Clerk, he is also the keeper of the Selectmen's books. Without his many phases of assistance we would be lost. We tender several verbal orchids to Mr. Crouch. As the Town grows, more of the detail work of the Selectmen must be transferred to the shoulders of the Superintendent of Public Works. In the not too distant future, we can foresee the possibility of a Town Manager.

Though this is a long report, we have been able to cover only a portion of the many phases of our Town Government. The Selectmen very sincerely appreciate the cooperation of fellow officers, organizations, and individuals of the Town. Without such cooperation we could not do the job. We welcome your suggestions for improvements and are happy to discuss details of problems confronting the taxpayers.

PAUL E. SCHAEFER
JAMES C. CHAMBERLIN
HENRY A. DAVIS

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

No expenditures are shown for the care of the various cemeteries covered by trusts. The work was done as usual by the Town workmen. No bill was received before Dec. 31st from the Town.

The only unusual outlay of Trust Funds is that of the Doe Fund. The following is an explanation of the project which will eventually return a revenue to the Town.

The Town crew did an excellent job in logging the down timber in the Town Forest. 41,120 board feet of logs were salvaged from the trees blown over by the August 31, 1954 Hurricane Carol.

During the Spring of 1955, two thousand selected white pine and spruce trees were pruned of branches to the height of sixteen feet. The pruned trees average about six to seven inches in diameter and about thirty to forty feet in height and are a part of the twenty acres of plantations that were established by Professor Karl Woodward during the twenties. At the start of the next century, forty-four years hence, the selected pruned trees should be seventy to eighty feet tall and have an average diameter, at breast height, of thirteen to fifteen inches. As the selected trees grow, pruning is advised up to a total height of thirty-two feet for the very best of the pruned trees. The value of the pruned logs in the year two thousand should be at least $50 per thousand on the stump, a total value of more than $10,000.

Two hundred dollars of the Doe Fund earnings were spent by the Trustees to employ qualified labor to do the pruning. The total cost of the job was $400. The federal government, in accordance with the provisions of the Agricultural Conservation program, shared fifty percent of the cost.

The plantation needs to be thinned if the 2,000 pruned trees are to continue to make good growth. Arrangements are being made to cut from the plantations 100 cords of pulpwood, 350

barn poles, and 35,000 board feet of white pine sawlogs, which should bring a net return of about $700.

The Town Forest is located on the Lamprey River off the Bennett Road. The area has excellent recreational possibilities for such activities as picnicking, camping, hiking, and boating. In accordance with the provisions of the Olinthus Doe will, the property can never be sold by the town, and income not used in the development of the property is to be used in the support and maintenance of the common schools in the Town of Durham.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES O. DAWSON
KENNETH E. BARRACLOUGH
WALLIS S. RAND
Trustees of Trust Funds

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, TOWN OF DURHAM ON DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date Created	Trust Fund Purpose	How Invested	Amount of Principal	New Funds Created	With-drawn	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expenses During Year	Balance at End of Year
1886	Anna M. Woodman, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	$300.00	.....	.....	$39.47	$12.34	.....	$51.81
1892	Sarah E. Griffiths, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	300.00	.....	.....	498.40	21.55	.....	519.95
1897	Lydia Simpson, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	100.00	.....	.....	2.31	3.88	.....	6.19
1899	George W. Furness, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	100.00	.....	.....	55.58	4.95	.....	60.53
1903	Susan R. Wilson, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	100.00	.....	.....	36.70	4.57	.....	41.27
1907	Ella K. and Alice Hayes, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	100.00	.....	.....	2.86	3.90	.....	6.76
1909	Olinthus Doe, care of cemetery and farm	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	4,500.00	.....	.....	244.59	119.76	$200.00	164.35
1911	Olive Wiggin, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	100.00	.....	.....	101.60	5.88	.....	107.48
1911	Abbie Mathes, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	300.00	.....	.....	303.43	17.64	.....	321.07
1914	Mary A. Burnham, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	100.00	.....	.....	27.12	4.38	.....	31.50
1916	Moses G. Woodman, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	100.00	.....	.....	3.05	3.90	.....	6.95
1891	Geo. Ffrost Temperance Assn., promote temperance and aid sick members	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	2,600.00	.....	.....	188.81	97.60	125.00	161.41
1953	Wm. J. Drew, care of cemetery	13 shares B. & A. R. R. Durham Trust Co.	100.00	.....	.....	1.51	2.05	.....	3.56
1928	Forrest S. Smith, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	500.00	.....	.....	192.57	17.07	10.00	199.64
1932	Forrest S. Smith, town improvement	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	5,000.00	.....	.....	1,466.39	91.97	.....	1,558.36
1953	Cap. Reserve, new equipment	Durham Trust Co.	550.00	$1,000.00	.....	51.10	12.08	.....	63.18
1953	Sewer Cons't Fund, sewer cons't	Durham Trust Co.	542.23	1,000.00	.....	9.07	11.08	.....	20.15
1927	Durham Town Cemetery, care of cemetery	Durham Trust Co. and Government bonds	6,125.00	325.00	.....	1,555.90	175.86	202.25	1,529.51
			$26,517.23	$2,325.00	.....	$4,780.46	$610.46	$537.25	$4,853.67

CHARLES O. DAWSON,
KENNETH E. BARRACLOUGH,
WALLIS S. RAND,
Trustees of Trust Funds

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER FOR YEAR 1955

The following communicable diseases were reported in Durtam during the year:

Disease	Number of Cases
Chicken Pox	28
German Measles	2
Hepatitis	1
Herpangia and Pleurodynia	31
Measles	17
Scarlet Fever	2
Septic Sore Throat	17
Whooping Cough	5

Two Poliomyelitis Vaccine Clinics were held in Durham during May and June and a total of 128 children in grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 were immunized.

The town continued to be provided with water and milk of good sanitary quality. Fluoridation of the Durham water supply was started in August 1955. This should eventually decrease the amount of dental caries in our Durham children by 60 per cent or more.

Restaurants, stores, and barbershops were inspected periodically to maintain satisfactory sanitary conditions and practices. Plans for sewage disposal systems for all new houses in Durham in areas not serviced by the town sewerage system were inspected and approved. Attention was given to various nuisances and problems referred to the Health Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. SLANETZ, *Health Officer*

REPORT OF THE DURHAM-UNH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

1955, the first full year of operation of the Durham-UNH Fire Department under a one third town, two thirds university participation has ended. The Board of Fire Commissioners feel that it has been mutually advantageous to both parties.

During the year the department fought more major fires than in the several preceding ones, which gave your Fire Commissioners a chance to observe the workings and operation of both men and equipment under emergency conditions. We are satisfied with the results, but striving for betterment, we are planning several changes this coming year. These we feel will further increase the efficiency of your fire fighting services.

With the feeling that the Durham-UNH Fire Department belongs equally to each and every one of you, we cordially invite you to drop in at the fire station at your convenience. It is open for your inspection at any time and the men on duty will be most happy to answer your questions and explain the workings of any equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD DALAND
NORMAN W. STILES
HAROLD I. LEAVITT
Board of Fire Commissioners

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Durham Planning Board held four regular meetings, three special meetings and two public hearings during the year.

The Board granted final approval for a sub-division development to Paul R. DeGross. This proposed development lies to the east of Madbury Road and north of Pendexter Road.

Final approval of sub-division plans were granted to permit Jess. P. Gangwer of Madbury, N. H. to develop the Morrison land on Madbury Road.

The members of the Planning Board wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their assistance and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL R. SKELTON, *Chairman*

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Complaints Received	183
Complaints Answered	183
Cases Before Municipal Court	172
Felonies	1
Misdemeanors	171
	172
Disposition	
Dismissed	2
Held for probable cause	1
Continued	4
Suspended fines	3
Placed on file	2
Guilty	160
	172

State Police	98
Motor Vehicle Dept.	13
Fish & Game Dept.	1
Local Police	60
	172
Parking Tags Issued	972
Parking Tags Paid	824
Parking Tags Not Paid	*148
	972

*Cards sent periodically to delinquent violators.

I am most grateful for the confidence the Selectmen have placed in me, and thankful for Town support during the past year. We have had many problems and with your help and the help of others, we have been able to cope with these problems.

With the new school under construction, classes for the lower grades being held in three areas, namely, Church Hill, New Hampshire Hall, and the Bank area respectively, a traffic and safety problem arose. With limited manpower we were most grateful for the aid given us by three Men's Honor Societies at U.N.H., namely, Senior Skulls, Blue Key and the Arnold Air Society. These young men, under the leadership of John Dodge, maintained a patrol at these three areas morning and noon from school opening in September until the new building was ready at the end of the year. I wish, at this time, to extend my personal thanks to them.

The outlying districts were patrolled, and from reports, the residents of these districts approve and appreciate this patrol which was established last year.

More students at U.N.H. have cars this year, thus more traffic on our streets. Signs have been renewed wherever necessary and many new signs have been erected. Night parking regulations

have been strictly enforced. In a few instances, we have had to take drastic measures, but in general the public realizes that regulations are made for the benefit of the majority and are cooperating.

The "Marston" fire on November 29, 1955, once again brought forth the need for a By-Pass to direct traffic around town.

Our civil defense police officers have been contacted and a period of training will get underway as soon as possible.

In November, I attended a conference on "Bank Robbery." This was held in Manchester, N. H., and was found to be educational. It was well attended by law enforcement officials and bank officials throughout the area. This conference, one of four held in the eastern part of our country, was conducted by the F.B.I.

With the Portsmouth Air Base now a reality, we will be confronted with more problems. We will have to enlarge our department personnel. We will need to maintain a night patrol, and with increased traffic another officer will be needed for day work.

We should have money appropriated for the purchase of a radio to tie in with the State Police.

We will also need a police cruiser, preferably with ambulance facilities. We should be looking forward to our own headquarters. We must remember that Durham is growing and we must grow along with Durham.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance given our department by the F.B.I., State Police, and Motor Vehicle Department during the past year. I also wish to thank the U.N.H. officials who have assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN J. THOMAS, *Chief of Police*

REPORT OF THE DURHAM CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Balance on hand January 1, 1955		$1,555.90	
Receipts			
Interest Durham Trust		79.98	
Dividends U. S. Bonds		95.80	
Return on exchange expired U. S. Bond		.08	
			$1,731.76
Expenditures			
Labor, Lyle Ford	May 6	$6.00	
	June 2	28.50	
	July 2	32.25	
	Aug. 10	62.75	
	Sept. 5	29.25	
	Oct. 5	20.25	
Hardware House	May 4	1.40	
Haines Garage	May 9	16.65	
Haines Garage	July 30	3.20	
Check Book	Aug. 9	2.00	
			202.25
Balance January 1, 1956			$1,529.51
Sale of lots to date			2,850.00
			$4,379.51
Jan. 1, 1956 Check Book			$28.49
Jan. 1,1956 Durham Trust (Savings Account)			4,351.02
			$4,379.51
Sale of lots to date			$2,850.00
U. S. Bonds			3,600.00
Total Capital Funds			$6,450.00

Burials in Durham Cemetery, 1955

Feb.	26	Harry W. Smith
Apr.	13	Frederick W. Lane

Apr.	13	Nathaniel E. Curtis
May	2	Carolyn Palmer
May	5	Edwin S. Huse
May	10	Baby Boy Kuusisto
May	17	Gertrude L. Stevens
May	19	Ernest G. Ritzman
June	10	Twin Boys Sukeforth
June	17	Wilfred J. Kilgore
June	24	Florence DeWolfe Sheppard
June	28	Herbert J. Moss
Oct.	14	Helen Stevens

The following lots have been sold in 1955 and the proceeds of the sales added to our principal fund.

Joseph Sukeforth (Part payment)	$25.00
Mrs. Nancy Kilgore	30.00
Mr. Allen Kuusisto	15.00
Mrs. H. J. Moss	150.00
Mr. Carl L. Noyes	30.00
Mrs. E. G. Ritzman	75.00
	$325.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	6,125.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$6,450.00

In addition to this report, the $450.00 appropriated in the 1955 Town Meeting was expended entirely on order of the Board of Selectmen. Comments appear in the Selectmen's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES O. DAWSON
KENNETH E. BARRACLOUGH
WALLIS S. RAND
PAUL E. SCHAEFER
JAMES C. CHAMBERLIN
HENRY A. DAVIS

Cemetery Committee

REPORT OF THE HAMILTON SMITH LIBRARY

The past year has cast a long shadow ahead for the Library. On last October 1 Durham could boast 1,110 residents 18 years of age or younger. By January 20, fifteen additional births had been recorded. Of these 1,125 youngsters, 690 are of school age and actual or potential users of the Library. In addition, many of the 425 preschool children enjoy library books through the enthusiasm of their parents or of older children.

The librarian is happy to report that the young fry's use of the Library this year has increased noticeably. The high school now an actuality in Durham and the growing population of children (and their parents) have naturally contributed to this increase. More individual children request reference help. Increasingly groups are scheduled for talks on how to use the library. More help is sought in selection of books for pleasure reading.

It is highly desirable that this use be encouraged and even accelerated. Today, when the problem of juvenile delinquency is flaming across the country, it is well to stimulate in every way possible the normal growth and interests of the young people. Good books are a recognized medium to richer and happier lives.

Young folk, like adults, should be able to get service whenever they request it. Of course, as in the bank or the grocery, they will have to wait their turn if they come at a busy period. The Library, like the bank and the grocery, should have a staff adequate for the ordinary run of business. To this end, it should have one staff member whose training and whose first responsibility is work with children. Parents have been suggesting for years that such a person be hired. They need help in selecting books for children of various ages, for specific problems, for the project of the moment; they request books to supplement school studies, and suitable books for reading aloud (which, incidentally, the whole family can enjoy together). Even more, of course, do the children need such help. A librarian in the children's

room would come to know the children, their interests, their reading abilities; she could unlock the riches that are theirs by right, but to which they need the key. Such service cannot be given adequately when sandwiched as it must necessarily be at present between services to University personnel and other adults.

It should perhaps be pointed out anew that Durham's annual library appropriation has in the last fifty years run the gamut between $25.00 and $500.00. What has Durham received this year in the way of library service for $500.00? A library building open 83 hours a week during the school year, and six days a week (45 hours) during vacations. An exhibition gallery, with constantly changing exhibits. A collection of now more than 230,000 books, and access to 1,381 magazines and sixteen daily papers. A reference collection ranging from the latest encyclopedias through Moody's investment services to literary bibliographies and technical handbooks. Trained reference librarians to help with individual problems other than contest questions and to introduce groups to the library and its tools. An unusually good children's collection, from which teachers have been encouraged to borrow generously for classroom use. A pleasant children's room. Exactly the same privileges for Durham townsfolk as for University personnel.

Now what has that $500.00 *paid for?* A small number of popular magazines to which the Library would not otherwise subscribe. Purchase of 174 children's books — not the selection, or the care, or the housing, or the cleaning, or the rebinding, just the initial purchase price. Nothing more.

The question to be decided in 1956 is whether Durham voters want improved service for their children.

Statistically Speaking

On January 1		
Books in University Library		230,215
Books in Durham Public Library		5,033
Of these, added in 1955	174	
discarded in 1955	84	
Growth of this collection	90	

Respectfully submitted,

THELMA BRACKETT, *Librarian*

The two-volume History of the Town of Durham is available at the Town Office at $5.00 per set. Many town families appear in the genealogical material which is the primary content of Volume II.

GEORGE FFROST TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION

Receipts

Cash on hand February 1, 1955	$5.91
Received from Dues	10.00
Received from Trustee of Trust Funds	125.00
Total Receipts	$140.91

Expenditures

Sick benefits to members	$101.00
Golden Rule Farm	5.00
Christian Civic League	5.00
Polio Fund	5.00
Expenses (Flowers and Postage)	15.60
Total Expenditures	$131.60
Cash on hand February 1, 1956	$9.31

W. H. RAND, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT

Bradford W. McIntire, Esq., Justice
Joseph E. Michael, Jr., Assoc. Justice
Durham, N. H.

Year Ending December 31, 1955

Receipts			
Fines Motor Vehicle		$2,063.00	
Small Claim Court		1.00	
			$2,064.00
Disbursements			
Motor Vehicle	$1,144.00		
(Refunds)	5.50		
		$1,138.50	
Witness Fees		23.03	
General Expense		10.00	
J. E. Michaels, Jr., Assoc. Justice		12.00	
B. J. Thomas, Clerk		50.00	
Printing Forms		27.53	
Remittance to Treasurer Town of Durham		802.94	
			$2,064.00

B. W. McINTIRE, *Justice*

VITAL STATISTICS

DURHAM BIRTHS REGISTERED ELSEWHERE, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Name of Child	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1954						
Dec.	26	Dover	Ronney Allen Lyster	1	Philip A. Lyster	Mary J. Duranty
1955						
Jan.	1	Exeter	Gail Noreen Syphers	1	James E. Syphers	Joyce S. Caswell
	10	Dover	Betsy Ellen Hersey	2	John H. Hersey	Priscilla L. Paul
	11	Exeter	Lance Nicholas Puorro	3	Thomas G. Puorro	Elizabeth J. Ouellette
	20	Exeter	Sheryl Lynn Stevens	1	Murray K. Stevens	Carrie M. Lane
	23	Portsmouth	Corinne Marie Boucher	1	Arthur P. Boucher	Margaret M. Palozalo
	26	Exeter	Sheila Dale Rathbun	3	Harvey L. Rathbun	Florence B. Moran
	28	Dover	Wayne Jay Chadwick	2	Dale A. Chadwick	Norma J. Rice
	30	Concord	Richard J. Love	1	Henry J. Love	Helen Anna Filides
Feb.	7	Exeter	Paul Douglas Allen	8	Fred E. Allen	Julia L. Sherwood
	8	Portsmouth	Catherine Ann Calawa	3	Arthur R. Calawa	Thelma J. Tiss
	10	Dover	Baby Boy Manock	6	Francis D. Manock	Dorothy L. Lunt
	11	Dover	Douglas Edward Bernard	2	Robert R. Bernard	Joyce Bodwell
	18	York, Me.	Joseph Leo Paradis	2	Philip N. Paradis	Viola R. Hanson
	19	Dover	Sandra Brackett	1	Donald Brackett	Diane Beaumont
Mar.	4	Dover	Debra Lee Kittredge	2	Theodore R. Kittredge, Jr.	Gail L. Olivier
	8	Exeter	Peter Stewart Murdock	2	Joseph B. Murdock	Ann L. Eble
	10	Exeter	Barbara Ann Berry	1	William J. C. Berry	Fay B. Peters
	27	Exeter	Robert Joseph Langlois	3	Alphonse J. Langlois	Mabel M. Marsh
	29	Exeter	Stephen Allen Kuusisto	1	Allan A. Kuusisto	Evelyn J. Marsh
	29	Exeter	William Marsh Kuusisto	2	Allen A. Kuusisto	Evelyn J. Marsh
Apr.	2	Dover	Mark Francis Seaman	1	Francis C. Seaman	Carol A. Baer
	16	Lawrence, Mass.	Michael Gosselin		William J. Gosselin	Frances E. Burke
	16	Dover	Kevin John Carroll	2	Harry R. Carroll	Susan W. Cameron
	16	Exeter	Stephen Arthur Rollins	2	Arthur W. Rollins	Frances M. Garland
	17	Dover	Edward Wardwell Hutchins	3	William E. Hutchins	Mary E. Jackson
	18	Dover	Donald Edward Page	1	Donald M. Page	Nancy I. Gorman
	19	Dover	Philip Wayne Grant	2	Clarence L. Grant	Helen M. Garland
	22	Exeter	Wendy Lee Butler	4	David E. Butler	Barbara J. Flint
	28	Portsmouth	Elizabeth Ellen Boardman	3	Howard B. Boardman	Marguerite M. T. Kitazawa
May	2	Exeter	Rebecca Tirrell Wolfe	4	William H. Wolfe	Natalie H. Tirrell
	2	Exeter	Diane Frances Ellis	4	Richard V. Ellis	Mary E. Torrey
	7	Exeter	Malcolm Douglas McGregor	3	Richard W. McGregor	Nancy B. Ireland
	8	Dover	Patricia Elizabeth Lockhardt	3	William F. Lockhardt, Jr.	Madeline A. Jabre
	8	Exeter	Walter James Dunfey, II	2	Walter J. Dunfey	Barbara A. Clark
	11	Exeter	Stephen Tyler Nugent	2	George R. Nugent	Alma J. Perkins

	16	Exeter	Catherine June Floyd	4	Elwood A. Floyd	Ethel M. Miles
	22	Dover	Dwight David Barnes	1	John S. Barnes	Frances P. Legallee
	29	Exeter	Lewis Gene Webber	1	Carl P. Webber	Elaine F. Fowler
	30	Exeter	Joseph Cowie	1	James D. Cowie	Ann K. Carpenter
	31	Dover	Peter John Newton	2	John D. Newton	Patricia A. Collins
June	2	Concord	Winfield Edward Oakes	2	Lloyd Oakes	Joyce E. Davis
	8	Exeter	Gary Morse Shields	1	Richard G. Shields	Margery B. Hendrickson
	9	Dover	David Fay Doxtator	2	Robert J. Doxtator	Joan M. Weber
	9	Dover	Patrick James Holroyd	2	Wilson C. Holroyd	Priscilla A. Moore
	9	Dover	Michael Lafayette Holroyd	3	Wilson C. Holroyd	Priscilla A. Moore
	10	Exeter	Kent Cuthbertson	2	Robert J. Cuthbertson	Martha J. Thompson
	12	Exeter	Cindy Jane Freeman	1	Jere E. Freeman	Jane E. Gates
	15	Exeter	George Steven Lambert	1	George J. Lambert	Patricia R. Stevens
	23	Exeter	Douglas Edwin Cellar	2	Donald E. Cellar	Alice E. Stinson
July	8	Rochester	James Elden Hanks, II	2	Robert W. Hanks	Joan E. Fish
	12	Exeter	David Edward Comtois	3	Paul O. Comtois	Edith L. Wheeler
	13	Exeter	Patricia Agnes Eno	2	Carroll J. Eno	Marjorie J. Seaver
	15	Rochester	Charles Donald McLeod, Jr.	1	Charles D. McLeod	Marna A. Moore
	16	Portsmouth	Katherine Scott Kinerson	4	Kendall S. Kinerson	Shirley Leighton
	20	Exeter	Craig Howard Sanborn	2	Allison Q. Sanborn	Elaine H. Johnston
	20	Exeter	Tyler Frederick Sanborn	3	Allison Q. Sanborn	Elaine H. Johnston
	21	Exeter	Mary Grace Welch	4	Albert G. Welch	Dorothy C. Kelly
	22	Exeter	Gary John Robinson	3	Frederick J. Robinson	Olive G. Moody
	23	Portsmouth	John Scott Belcher	2	John Belcher	Marguerite Swift
	30	Aurora, Colo.	David Grantham Burbee	1	Clark R. Burbee	Winnifred A. Carey
Aug.	1	Dover	Elizabeth Ann Kohl	2	William A. Kohl	Barbara Sinclair
	4	Rochester	Carleton Arthur Plaisted	4	Donald E. Plaisted	Persis P. Metcalf
	5	Dover	Jacqueline Anna Menge	3	Carleton P. Menge	Bette J. Wright
	8	Exeter	Peter Francis Corrow	3	Henry W. Corrow, Jr.	Eileen E. Roderer
	9	Portsmouth	Dianne Susan Kennedy	1	Walter A. Kennedy, Jr.	Susan D. Bateson
	10	Exeter	Elizabeth Adele Holle	1	Paul A. Holle	Katheryne A. Cole
	10	Exeter	Bruce Bennett Reinhold	2	Vernon N. Reinhold	Norma A. Bennett
	13	Methuen, Mass.	Kathleen Ellen Manning		Richard J. Manning	Norma H. McMahon
	16	Dover	Robert Kenneth Gates	1	Sidney C. Gates	Patricia L. Perkins
	23	Exeter	Loring Vinson Tirrell	3	Theron L. Tirrell	Alma F. Brown
	24	Exeter	Mary Ann Moran	1	Harold D. Moran	Mildred A. Edgerly
	29	Durham	Denise Ann Frick	2	Jacob Frick	Jacqueline E. Ricard
	29	Exeter	David Rodman Schools	1	Rodman S. Schools	Sandra L. Marston
	31	Rochester	Laurie Ann Comstock	6	Theodore R. Comstock	Berenice Gray
Sept.	1	Exeter	Claude Robert Gosselin	2	Robert F. Gosselin	Claudia T. Venier
	4	Exeter	Roxanne Lee Palmer	3	Franklin J. Palmer	Mary L. Evans
	4	Dover	John Peter Mulhern	2	John E. Mulhern, Jr.	Katherine H. Myrick
	6	Portsmouth	David Edward Bonnette	1	Roland E. Bonnette	Delphine J. Lien
	8	Dover	Kathy Adelia Ayers	1	William A. Ayers	Adelia Romeich
	9	Dover	Clark Reid Whiting	1	Robert A. Whiting	Gladys M. Clark
	13	Concord	Elinor Fenton	1	Paul J. Fenton, Jr.	Jane Fisher
	24	Portsmouth	Margaret Ann Bowring	4	James R. Bowring	Ursula B. deAntonio

DURHAM BIRTHS REGISTERED ELSEWHERE, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Name of Child	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Oct.	3	Exeter	Timothy Andrew Wheeler	5	Charles M. Wheeler, Jr.	May K. Wickers
	17	Exeter	Bryan Walther Barteau	2	Bernard R. Barteau	Ingeburg A. H. Walther
	28	Goffstown	Dean Edward Brooks	1	Edward R. Brooks	Nancy E. French
Nov.	1	Everett, Mass.	Kathleen Marie Courtney		Gerald F. Courtney	June A. Welsh
	4	Rochester	Pamela Lee Cantwell	1	Edward A. Cantwell	Anne F. Coffin
	10	Rochester	Jocelyn Marie Goodwin	1	Elmer C. Goodwin, Jr.	Audrey J. Cloutman
	16	Rochester	Richard Colin Wagner	1	Lawrence E. Wagner	Mary E. Hutchinson
	19	Dover	Linda Diane Sweeney	2	Francis W. Sweeney	Theodora B. Morrison
	23	Dover	Karen Lynn McDowell	2	Horace G. McDowell	Maxine M. Chaney
	26	Dover	Michael William Blenk	5	Robert G. Blenk	Muriel R. Hood
	30	Exeter	Forrest Lyman Rawlings	3	William R. Rawlings	Mary A. Radasch
Dec.	4	Exeter	Rose Claire Laroche	2	Albert Laroche	Effie L. Foster
	5	Dover	Peter Alonzo Williams	1	Thomas A. Williams	Elizabeth M. Blood
	10	Dover	Deborah Anne Parent	2	Emile R. Parent	Dolores R. Noel
	10	Dover	Donna Rebecca Parent	3	Emile R. Parent	Dolores R. Noel
	23	Portsmouth	Scott Dale Rogers	1	Earl E. Rogers	June A. Nickerson
	23	Exeter	Michael Shane Melanson	2	Ralph A. Melanson	Eleanor A. Nulsen

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age of Each	Place of Birth of Each	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
Feb. 20	Dover	Arthur Martin Potter	Milan	26	New Hampshire	Rev. James F. Quimby
		Patricia Ann Sanders	Durham	21	New Hampshire	Dover
Mar. 25	Durham	John P. Jakubajtys	Boston, Mass.	21	Massachusetts	Bradford W. McIntire, J. P.
		Jean Marie Annis	Boston, Mass.	18	Massachusetts	Durham
June 4	Durham	Edwin Howe Bardwell	Durham	22	Pennsylvania	Rev. Wilfrid H. Bunker
		Shirley Mae James	Durham	19	New Hampshire	Durham
June 5	Durham	William Rogers Dresser	Durham	25	Michigan	Rev. Wilfrid H. Bunker
		Marilyn Leslie Crouch	Durham	22	Michigan	Durham
June 6	Durham	Richard George Slayton	Manchester	21	New Hampshire	Rev. Jonothan N. Mitchell
		Kathryn Evelyn Walker	Durham	21	Massachusetts	Durham
June 8	Durham	Joseph Deisorbo	Haverhill, Mass.	69	Italy	Arthur P. Stewart, J. P.
		Angelina Palumbo	Durham	65	Italy	Durham
June 15	Durham	John Andrew Techet	Buffalo, N. Y.	34	New York	Rev. Henry H. Hayden
		Nancy Jean Meyers	Durham	24	New Hampshire	Durham
June 25	Durham	Allan Baker Partridge, Jr.	Durham	28	Massachusetts	Rev. Wilfrid H. Bunker
		Marjorie Ann Wolf	Durham	26	Pennsylvania	Durham
July 2	Durham	George Hauser	Lansdowne, Pa.	32	Austria	Joseph E. Michaels, Jr.
		Louise Jean Russo	Newton, Mass.	34	Massachusetts	Durham
Aug. 20	Durham	Alfred Emile Pouliot	Manchester	29	New Hampshire	Rev. J. Desmond O'Connor
		Rose Claire Laroche	Durham	19	New Hampshire	Durham
Sept. 3	Durham	Kenneth Elias Burch	Portsmouth	24	New Hampshire	Rev. Wilfrid H. Bunker
		Colleen Daisy Laliberty	Portsmouth	21	Pennsylvania	Durham
Sept. 3	Dover	Robert Francis Kelly	Dover	20	Massachusetts	Rev. Vincent A. Lawless
		Janet Lane	Durham	19	New Hampshire	Dover
Oct. 18	Durham	Robert Edgerly	Durham	22	New Hampshire	Bradford W. McIntire, J. P.
		Rachael Louise Kuzmichi	Dover	29	Massachusetts	Durham
Oct. 22	Durham	George Woodward Langdon	Durham	31	Massachusetts	Rev. Jonothan N. Mitchell
		Betty Norma Holland	Boston, Mass.	27	Massachusetts	Durham
Nov. 26	Stratham	Garrett Robert Sheffield	Durham	37	Rhode Island	Marion J. Brewster, J. P.
		Elizabeth Shejen Howe	Durham	31	Massachusetts	Stratham, Mass.
Dec. 17	Durham	Shih-an Yu	Durham	28	China	Rev. Jonothan N. Mitchell
		Alice Ya-shiou Lan	Durham	26	China	Durham
Dec. 23	Durham	Richard Marden Fitts	Durham	24	New Hampshire	Rev. Wilfrid H. Bunker
		Virginia Washburn Shimer	Durham	22	New Hampshire	Durham
Dec. 23	Durham	Arthur Joseph Ouilette, Jr.	Bainbridge, Md.	23	New Hampshire	Rev. J. Desmond O'Connor
		Nancy Jean Toole	Framingham, Mass.	22	Massachusetts	Durham

DURHAM MARRIAGES REGISTERED EILSEWHERE, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Feb.	12	Newton Lower Falls, Mass.	William Pearmain Bingham	Durham	24	New Hampshire	Rev. William G. Brandt
			Elizabeth Poe Brawner	Wellesley, Mass.	25	Maryland	Newton, Mass.
Apr.	12	Dover	Terence Chester Dunn	Durham	18	New Hampshire	Rev. Frank S. Najjar
			Joyce Irene Flayhan	Dover	18	New Hampshire	Dover
June	1	Durham	Edmond Guy Merrill	Concord	23	New Hampshire	Rev. Wilfrid H. Bunker
			Althea Victoria Golding	Hampton	25	Massachusetts	Durham
July	17	Santa Rosa, Cal.	James Claggett Funkhouser	Durham	21	New Hampshire	Rev. David S. Bennett, Jr.
			Sara Ann Reinking	Santa Rosa, Cal.	21	California	Santa Rosa, Cal.
Sept.	1	Hanover	Hanswerner Karl F. Klunder	Durham	27	Germany	Rev. Dairu F. Krampitz
			Lee Marianne Booth	Hanover	27	New York City	Hanover
Sept.	3	Concord	Gerald Marvin Dunn	Durham	35	West Virginia	Rev. G. Theodore Forsberg
			Cynthia Anne Lovejoy	Concord	25	New Hampshire	E. Longmeadow, Mass.
Sept.	6	Berwick, Me.	Oliver Arthur Richardson	Durham	22	New Hampshire	Rev. Dwight W. MacMahon
			Edith May Wallingford	Lebanon, Me.	17	New Hampshire	Berwick, Me.
Sept.	17	Newmarket	George Albert Pierce	Durham	23	New Hampshire	Rev. Ernest A. McKenzie
			Carol Annette George	Newmarket	30	Massachusetts	Newmarket
Oct.	15	Durham	Edward John Ross	Newmarket	36	New Hampshire	Rev. J. Desmond O'Connor
			Gertrude Mary Miller	Dover	40	Massachusetts	Durham

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF DURHAM, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Years	Age Mos.	Age Days	Place of Birth	Disease or Cause of Death
Feb. 23	Durham	Harry William Smith	72			Waterford, N. Y.	Rheumatic Heart Disease
Mar. 17	Durham	Edward Levi Emerson	77			Durham	Coronary Thrombosis
Apr. 22	Durham	Andrew Robert Francis	71			Newmarket	Acute Coronary Thrombosis
Apr. 28	Durham	Samuel Jones	93			Durham	Cerebral Hemorrhage
May 2	Durham	Edwin Sweetzer Huse	76			Woburn, Mass.	Myocardial Infarction
May 30	Durham	Margery Elizabeth Sterner	102			Ontario, Canada	Cerebral Hemorrhage
June 10	Durham	Lillian Montgomery Jenkins	81			Dover	Carcinoma of Colon
July 18	Durham	Lindsay F. Surrette	49			Haverhill, Mass.	Carcinoma of Lungs
July 20	Durham	Fred J. Shepard	80			S. Royalton, Vt.	Arteriosclerosis
Nov. 14	Durham	John Henry Folland	50			Dover	Rheumatic Heart Disease

DURHAM DEATHS REGISTERED ELSEWHERE, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

1954							
June 12	Winthrop, Mass.	Agnes Edna Ryan	75			Stuart, Iowa	Bronchopneumonia Terminal
1955							
Apr. 12	Dover	Nathaniel Edward Curtis	76			Bath, Me.	Gastric Ulcer, Bleeding
May 13	Claremont	Gertrude I. Stevens	83			Durham	Peritonitis
May 15	Concord	Ernest G. Ritzman	81			Schaffhausen, Switz'l'd	Acute Coronary Infarction (Anterior)
June 11	Dover	Michael Lafayette Holroyd			2	Dover	Prematurity
June 15	Manchester	Wilfred John Kilgore	66			No. Newry, Me.	Rheumatic Heart Disease
June 21	Exeter	Florence DeWolfe Sheppard	53			Malden, Mass.	Lobar Pneumonia (Right)
June 25	Melrose, Mass.	Herbert James Moss	45			Elmira, N. Y.	Carcinoma of Sigmoid Colon
July 12	Lebanon, Me.	Harold B. Palmer	74			Kennebunkport, Me.	Coronary Thrombosis
Oct. 11	Concord	Helen Stevens	79			Prince Edward Island	Coronary Occlusion
Oct. 28	Concord	Frank Williams	84			No. Troy, Vt.	Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease
Nov. 16	Dover	Frances Pratt	54			Lawrence, Mass.	Carcinoma of Ovary
Dec. 13	Newmarket	Emma A. Thompson	88			Stratham	Generalized Arteriosclerosis

FACTS ABOUT DURHAM

Area	Square Miles	Acres
Total Area	25.5	16,320
Water	2.2	1,408
Land	23.3	14,912
Farm Land		10,611
Farm Forest		4,565
Farm Pasture		1,047
UNH Land		1,498

TOWN ROADS

30.0 miles streets and roads maintained by the Town
13.9 miles streets and roads maintained by the State

STREET LIGHTS

86 sixty candle power lights
24 one hundred candlepower lights
27 two hundred fifty candlepower lights

137

HYDRANTS

33 hydrants maintained by the Town

POPULATION

Year	Number	Year	Number	Year	Number
1950	4221*	1880	962	1810	1449
1940	1533	1870	1298	1800	1126
1930	1217	1860	1534	1790	1247
1920	749	1850	1497	1786	1233
1910	823	1840	1498	1783	1173
1900	996	1830	1606	1775	1214
1890	871	1820	1538	1773	1149
				1767	1232

*This figure is not comparable to previous years because student residents were included in the count for the first time.

Tax Rate and Valuation

Total Number of Property Tax Payers 708
Total Number of Parcels of Taxable Property 821

Year	Assessed Value	Tax Rate*	Year	Assessed Value	Tax Rate*
1955	$4,136,975	$4.78†	1944	2,129,515	2.50
1954	3,970,000	4.70	1943	2,155,405	2.10
1953	3,922,142	3.93	1942	2,123,510	2.30
1952	3,877,132	3.81	1941	2,072,095	2.65
1951	3,672,314	3.62	1940	2,053,549	2.75
1950	3,422,537	3.40	1935	1,818,377	2.27
1949	2,760,621	4.10	1930	1,675,107	2.31
1948	2,594,537	4.20	1925	1,251,390	2.60
1947	2,536,325	2.90	1920	879,918	2.50
1946	2,324,528	2.80			
1945	2,172,055	2.61			

*Per $100 assessed value.

†Of this sum 3.49 was school tax, 1.00 was for town maintenance and improvements, and 29 cents for county tax.

Note: 1930 through 1947 figures are taken from State Tax Commission reports; figures for 1948 through 1955 from town office records. Revaluation by State Tax Commission in 1950.

From 1925 through 1947 Durham's tax rate was as much as 25 to 35 per cent lower than the state average. Durham had the lowest tax rate in the county for 1930 and 1935, and from 1942 through 1947.

TOWN HISTORY

Copies of the two-volume Town History are available at the Town Office for only $5.00 per set. Volume II includes genealogical data on many town families.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Due to printer's deadline the Auditor's Report cannot be included in this year's Annual Report.

This report is on file at the Town Hall, and is available for inspection during regular office hours.